GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3877
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
OIL/NATURAL GAS RESERVE IN SAURASHTRA, GUJARAT
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether reserves of Oil/Natural Gas have been detected in Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b): if so, whether any survey has been conducted to assess the possible locations of Oil/Gas reserves in the said region together with the outcome of the surveys;

(c): the future plans of the Government with regard to conducting such survey in Gujarat; and

(d): the steps taken for further exploration in the said areas to achieve the target of exploration in the filed of oil and natural gas?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs(Shri Santosh Kumar Ganwar)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3877 T ANSWERED ON 8.8.2002 REGARDING OIL/NATURAL GAS RESERVE IN SAURASHTRA, GUJARAT

(a) & (b): Exploratory efforts expended so far in Onland Saurashtra-Kutch region of Gujarat State have not led to any gas and oil reserves. Exploratory inputs expended in this region include 2-D seismic surveys, geological surveys, gravity-magnetic surveys, aero-magnetic surveys, deep-seismic investigations, deep-electrical resistivity and magneto-telluric surveys, transient electro-magnetic surveys and drilling of five exploratory wells and one parametric well that, inter-alia, indicate presence of thick sediments below the Deccan trap lavas in many parts of this area.

(c) & (d): In the Onland Saurashtra-Kutch region, Production Sharing Contracts(PSCs) for two pre-New Exploration Licensing Polic (NELP) blocks were signed and work in these blocks will be carried out as per the provisions of the respective Contracts.As a part of X Plan programme, DGH has also plans to carry out 2-D seismic survey in Kutch Onland area.